



Kim Deok Ho - Korea

Kim is an enthusiastic guy from Korea, who is very interested in European culture and decided to learn English to be able to travel around Europe. After six months in England he visited France, Italy, Switzerland and Holland.

“My sister recommended me to Guildford College, because she was studying here two years ago. six months ago I could speak a bit of English but I couldn’t express myself like I can now. That helped me travel to those countries without any problem”

Kim has a lot of friends already in the UK and likes to have parties and share Korean food with them. He thinks that Guildford is a very nice town to learn English.

“I like the library and the facilities at the College, where I can read books and use the internet for free. I like Guildford because I can walk everywhere, also London and Gatwick airport are very close by train. I like swimming and bowling and I like to go to the cinema; in Guildford I can do all these things.”



Elena Vazquez - Spain

Elena is a Spanish student who came to the UK with one objective - to lose her fear about speaking English. She came to England in September 2006 for three months and studies English as a Foreign Language full-time.

“An agency in Spain recommended Guildford College to me as one of the best for spoken English in UK. Guildford College had everything ready one month before I came here, I liked this because it gave me security.”

After three months studying at Guildford College, Elena had improved her English and decided to stay for another three months.

“I am not afraid of speaking English anymore and I see I can improve and I want to stay longer for that reason. The teachers are very good and friendly and always help me with what I need. I have already recommended Guildford College because I think they are very professional.”



Shahrokh Hariri - Iran

Shahrokh is 24 years old and from Iran. He came to the UK with a clear objective to study a dental course in Manchester and for that he decided to improve his English first at Guildford College.

“I love everything about Guildford College, teachers, staff, activities, class mates... everybody smiles and is ready to help. Guildford is a very nice town, clean, safe and it has a good transport service. This experience is opening my mind; when I speak with my friends in Iran I tell them that they should live it. It is very interesting to compare the culture with my country.”

Shahrokh says that to live here is a great experience, living in a new country, with a new culture and new people. He likes American restaurants, walking in the high street, shopping and socialising.

Student Profiles



Meet the International team

Happy New Year and welcome to the International Newsletter for past, present and potential students. Please let us introduce ourselves:

You will probably have met or spoken to one of us by now so I’m sure it’s nice to put a name to a face!



Ashley Rowlands
International Director



Anouska Turner
International Business Development Manager



Jaqui O’Connell
International Officer (Admissions & Marketing)



Saho Kuroda
International Officer (Accommodation & Welfare)

Past Students Association (PSA)

Don’t forget to see Saho before you leave to get your leavers pack

Before leaving Guildford College why not become a member of the Past Students Association? By completing an application form you can receive a limited edition Guildford College t-shirt along with regular details of staff market visits to your country so you can meet and be taken out for a reunion!

Your recommendation of Guildford College to your friends, family and colleagues will be recognised and financially rewarded once your new introductions have enrolled.

Every PSA member will have access to a special member’s page on our website to enable you to chat and catch up with old friends from Guildford College. You will also receive a regular PSA newsletter full of news, views, information and competitions.

We can offer careers advice and direct you to new jobs. We can offer reductions in certain tuition fees should you return to Guildford College to study and why not enjoy a round of golf on us at our Merrist Wood Campus (all subject to availability).



Ultimate Summer English 2007

Want to improve your English? Then choose the **Summer School** (homestay) or **Summer Camp** (residential) at Guildford College.

- Both offer:**
- 15 hours of English lessons each week
 - Afternoon social activities
 - Elementary to advanced levels
 - Fun interactive lessons
 - Weekly full day excursions
 - Small class sizes of a maximum of 16 students



International Programmes for International Students

Since starting at Guildford College, Ashley Rowlands has designed and developed a number of programmes specifically for international students. These include:

- International A Levels
- English Plus
- Specialised Closed Group Courses (subject to availability)
- Study and Work Programmes
- Access to University

If you require any further information on any of the above programmes or any of the further or higher education programmes offered at Guildford College please email **Anouska Turner** at aturner@guildford.ac.uk



Super Julia

Julia Lock is an EFL teacher in the International Centre for Education at Guildford College.

She originally comes from Macedonia and has been working

at the college for two years. Julia considers herself to be a happy, friendly and smiley person and has been teaching for more than ten years, which she has very much enjoyed.

"I taught my brother how to read and write when I was seven years old; I have liked teaching all my life. I like to teach as I like to help."

She enjoys working with the students and also is one of the bubbliest teachers. All the students like her and enjoy being part of her class.

"I like to teach with music; choosing their favourite song and translating it."

Julia is more than a teacher; she has a good working relationship with the students and often socialises with them by going out for dinner after class, celebrating birthdays or having a chat whilst drinking coffee.

"If someone is upset, I notice, so I always ask them in private if they have any problems, and try to help them. I like to give advice to the students about good places to go in Guildford and interesting things to do. I love to go to the international parties at the college and I love to dance with the students; some times they call me The Dancing Queen, and I like it."

International Club

Saho Kuroda (International Officer - Accommodation and Welfare) has worked in the International Centre for Education at Guildford College of Further and Higher Education for two years. She organises social activities and helps students to arrange their accommodation. She is originally from Tokyo, Japan.

"I think all the trips and activities help the relations between the students and their social life in a foreign country. Also we try to show students how to understand the English culture and customs by organising trips to different places like Windsor Castle, Blue Water (shopping centre) and London."

Carlos Bolivar (Activity Co-ordinator) (pictured top right) comes from Spain and has worked in the International Centre for Education since August 2006. He assists Saho in the organisation of the social activities and leads the social programme for Summer School.

"Working with students is good fun as they give me a lot of energy. I love to laugh with them. As a foreigner I know how it is to arrive in a new country with a new language so I try to help the students in anything they need from the college. I think the trips improve their self-confidence for speaking, travelling and living in a different culture."

Last term Saho and Carlos went to Leeds Castle and Blue Water shopping centre (the biggest in the UK). They took a group of students on a trip to London with a night out in Piccadilly Circus. They also organised a Latin party, Open Mic Night and a Christmas party. Every term there are welcome and farewell parties and sports activities two days a week.

Future events for next term include a trip to Bristol, a typical English quiz night, a visit to the historic town of Bath, a Chinese New Year party at Surrey University and much more.

At the moment they are preparing the social activities and excursions for the Summer School programme to include sports, games and adventures for more than 300 students from nearly 20 different nationalities.



Top 5 Places to go in Guildford

- 1 Stoke Pub
- 2 Spectrum Leisure Centre
- 3 Riverside
- 4 Friary Shopping Centre
- 5 Cinema



Top 5 Things to do in Guildford

- 1 Walk down by the river
- 2 Enjoy a good beer
- 3 Visit the Spectrum Leisure Centre
- 4 Shopping
- 5 Enjoy good food